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SUBJECT: TEAR GAS GRENADES AND LAUNCHERS

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REF: (A) DAMASCUS 7229, (B) DAMASCUS 8008

1. IN PRACTICAL RECOGNITION THAT SYRIAN ARMED FORCES HAVE AN INTERNAL SECURITY ROLE, DEPARTMENT WILL APPROVE MODEST SALES OF TEAR GAS AND RIOT CONTROL EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE CLEARLY INTENDED FOR INTERNAL SECURITY, OR ANTI-TERRORIST PURPOSES. NOTE: TEAR GAS GRENADES AND LAUNCHERS ARE ARTICLES ON U.S. MUNITIONS LIST (10 FAM 75D APPENDIX A PART 121004 CATEGORY 14) AND AS SUCH SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT'S EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND ALONG THESE LINES TO SYRIAN PRIVATE BUSINESSMAN WHO ORIGINALLY APPROACHED EMBASSY.

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2. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, THAT IT

WOULD BE EASIER IF SUCH REQUESTS OR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
COME TO US FROM THE SYRIAN MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR RATHER
THAN FROM THE ARMED FORCES, AND CONCURS THAT YOU SHOULD
APPROACH SYRIAN AUTHORITIES ALONG THESE LINES. ROBINSON

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